

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1479

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate International Maternal Health and Rights Day, April 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, April 11 is annually observed as International Maternal Health and Rights Day to celebrate every person's right to respectful, quality, safe, and comprehensive maternal health care; and

WHEREAS, approximately fifteen percent of all pregnancies worldwide are affected by life-threatening but preventable complications; adolescents are at significant risk for maternal complications, with maternal deaths ranking as a leading cause of death for girls aged fifteen to nineteen; and

WHEREAS, women need integrated, evidence-based, and cost-effective care before, during, and after pregnancy, as women die from complications in pregnancy or childbirth because their nation's health system lacks resources and/or their allocation of health resources overlooks women's needs; and

WHEREAS, sadly, the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any developed country according to the latest reports, with a maternal mortality rate of 17.4 deaths per 100,000 births, and

WHEREAS, in Tennessee, the maternal mortality rate is even higher with 26.7 deaths per 100,000 births; and

WHEREAS, International Maternal Health and Rights Day seeks to raise awareness of the importance of maternal health and promote skilled and dignified care for women around the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby commemorate April 11, 2022, as International Maternal Health and Rights Day in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.